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Why not call a grand jury and indict those convicts who gambled in the state penitentiary?

Why should the city charge a good big rental for the Auditorium and then allow actors and audience to be annoyed by music and dancing in the Commercial Club rooms?

The anxious ones all over Oklahoma are wondering whether Governor Haskell will sign the capital bill passed by the recent session of the legislature, or whether mayhap, he has already signed it. It will be a great relief when the state has a governor that will do things openly and in the sunlight.

A cartoon in one of the city papers attempts to depict the good old times a generation ago by a picture of a grand mother seated before a log fire with her knitting finishing up a stocking at the top of the leg instead of "toeing it off," as our mothers used to do. To begin knitting a sock at the toe would have excluded any woman from society.

The report that Senator Gore was to resign to make way for Governor Haskell has died out. It may have been a case where the wish was father to the thought. Now the wish has a new baby. The governor is going after Owen's scalp two years hence. But probably the whole thing is just press agent's dope.

Christmas joys are nearly over, but the memory of some Christmas tragedies still lingers. A country girl alone in Kansas City that day took her own life. Thousands more in the same plight probably resisted the temptation to which she yielded. "These things ought not so to be." Make a note and file it away for reference next Christmas: include in your Christmas party at least one lonely stranger. You will get more joy than you will give—and that will be a lot.

Those who were fortunate enough to see "Three Weeks" at the Auditorium last night witnessed the greatest stage play that has come to Vinita in many a day. The little novel written by Elinor Glyn a few years ago received more criticisms good and bad than nearly any book written in a generation. Anthony Comstock turned white with rage and tried to have the book barred from the mails and the prudish and ultra-modest ones all over the country held up their hands in holy horror at the "nasty" book.

But the great underlying truth and

teaching of the narrative was not observed.

The teaching of "Three Weeks" is clean and wholesome. The great bible lesson that "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," is brought out with wonderful art and distinctness. The good queen that revelled for three weeks in the fascination of an immoral love paid the price, just as every man and every woman pays the price of sowing wild oats. Those who sow must reap the harvest, and the ones who expect to escape reaping the crop of their own sowing are simply mistaken. Sometimes a man thinks he is fooling everybody and having the time of his life and will never have to suffer the consequences, but by and by he has to face the music and harvest the oats.

### AFTER THE CENSUS.

Every good American finds in the great totals of the 1910 census much that is gratifying to his sense of national pride. The growth which amazed the world through the nineteenth century keeps steadily on, and several of the individual states of the Union have become much larger than some of the important countries of Europe. New states, empires in area, are becoming imperial in their growth and development, and nowhere is there a sign of weakness in the bond of national union.

Yet in the figures which show the wonderful growth—especially the city growth in every section—these are some things to cause sober reflection. The loss of population in the rural communities, both west and east, is much to be deplored, although the cityward tendency is nothing new. Then the distribution and assimilation of the vast army of immigrants is a problem of increasing difficulties.

It is never to be forgotten that there are other things more important than numbers in making great a city or state or nation. Unless the growing structure is erected upon the firm foundation-stones of education and religion which our fathers revered, then mere bigness is a menace, and our pride is the pride that goes before a fall.

Our country may well face the new year, which is also the beginning of a new decade, with gratitude for the past and confidence for the future. That the 1920 census will show a continuation of marvelous growth, no man can doubt. How grand a thing it will be if civic responsibility keeps pace with population; and there is where each individual has an important part to play.—Youth's Companion.

### VINITA FIRM AWARDED BIG CONTRACT IN TEXAS

Denison, Tex., Dec. 28.—Announcement is made here that the contract has been let to Roberts and McSpadden, of Vinita, Okla., for the completion of the \$250,000 road contract in the Denison precinct. This contract was abandoned by the original contractor, Dennis McNerney, of Muskogee, Okla., after work to the extent of \$10,000 has been done. The present contractors expect to complete the work in twenty months, although they are allowed two years. The new contractors will begin work January 2.

**Powerful Influence of Bells.**  
Bells have always exercised a powerful influence on the imagination of poets and writers. Perhaps the best description of the frenzy of excitement that can be caused by the love of great bells and by their vibrating, insistent, compelling tone is that given by Victor Hugo in his account of Quasimodo, the deformed bellringer of Notre Dame.

### Might Be a Hint.

A stinging angler was fishing on a Scottish loch on a pouring wet day. He had been consoling himself from his lack and forgetting his gillie. Presently he asked the gillie if there was a dry place in the boat on which to strike a match. "You might try my throat," said the gillie. "It's dry enough."—Fishing Gazette.

### Fame.

Friend—How's business in this neck of the woods? Uncle Jake—Fine! I tell ye, this Punkin Hollow store of mine is getting quite a national reputation. Only yesterday I see an advertisement in the paper, "Canem's Coddish—Sold by Grocers Everywhere," and I'm one of 'em.—Puck.

### Too True.

Baby John was not allowed to have pepper in his food, but seeing his father putting pepper on his roast beef, hurriedly seized the pepper box and sprinkled it over his plate. "Mother," he said, "we eat everything with our mouth but pepper, and we eat that with our nose."—Delineator.

### Minnesota Editor's Scheme.

Cheer up, my friends, I am hard at work on an invention that will bring you joy. I hope ere long to successfully cross a line grade of elastic rubber with the pumpkin pie, so that we can stretch our piece out to the limits of our imagination.—St. Paul Dispatch.

### Contracting the World.

The world is growing too small. One can go to Peking in a fortnight; an aeroplane service is to be run from Algiers to Timbuctoo and a wireless station is being installed on Crusoe's Island. Farewell to mystery!—Paris Belair.

### Confidential.

Douglas Jerrold once went to a party at which a Mr. Pepper had assembled all his friends, and, on entering the room, said to his host, "My dear Mr. Pepper, how glad you must be to see all your friends mustered!"

**Good Work Being Done in France.**  
France is systematically reforesting its barren places to revive the soil, abate floods, mitigate droughts, provide employment for her workers, and furnish raw materials for her factories.

### Get Out of the Rut.

The surest road to wealth is to make money work for you. Get out of the rut. It may be a hard pull, but you will find the middle of the road easier to travel.

### They Can Climb.

Political fences should not be too high for the people to have a look over.—Atlanta Constitution.

### In Case of a Rush.

Prospective Tenant—No, I'm afraid this flat would be too small. I might want to grow a beard.—Life.

### Luck.

Doubtful ill do plague us worst.—Beneca.

### THIS IS THE PAPER HANGER

Never Comes When He Promises, Criticizes Your Taste and Does Just Exactly as He Pleases.

A paper hanger is a man who promises by all that he holds sacred to be at your house on Monday morning at 8 o'clock, and sends word on Wednesday afternoon that he cannot come until Friday.

He brings a bucket of paste and some shears with him, and as soon as he sees the paper you have bought he says it will not do. He criticizes your taste and judgment and shows you why the pattern is utterly unsuited to the room, until he convinces you that you must send the paper back and purchase the proper supply from him, although you know very well that he gets a commission. Then he goes away to order the paper and you continue to sleep on the davenport until the following Tuesday.

You discover ere long that the laws of paper hanging are as immutable as the laws of the Medes and Persians, and that no matter how you want the room papered you are absolutely mistaken.

If he weren't a paper hanger he would be a plumber. But after this you will welcome the snail-like plumber gladly.

Gabriel will have to blow several encores before he gets the paper-hanging brigade to resurrect.

### Pensions for Cats and Horses.

Old age pensions are spreading. But who would have thought of St. Francis of Assisi as contributing to so modern a movement? Nevertheless, the kindly saint who preached to fishes and birds is still a factor to be reckoned with. As witness the case of the maiden lady who died in London recently and made provision in her will for pensions for her cats and horses. Her orders to her trustees were to the effect that they are to pay \$200 a year for the care of each of her cats. They are also to see that each animal is properly looked after and treated with kindness. Her horses are also to be provided for, not allowed to do harder work than they have been accustomed to, or are to be mercifully destroyed. All these unusual bequests are explained by the further orders of the will to the effect that the kindly provider is to be buried in the full habit of the Order of St. Francis of Assisi, to which she belonged.

### According to Schedule.

Eugene Higgins, in the smoking room of the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, condemned the too-hurried tours of Europe that some Americans make. "Europe, to give its best," said Mr. Higgins, "must be taken slowly. Once, in an Italian picture gallery, I heard one broad-shouldered woman ask another:

"Is this Florence or Venice?"  
"What day's today?" the other asked in turn.  
"Wednesday."  
"Then it's Florence."

### The Last Resort.

Victorious woman had unthinkingly left prostrate man a last weapon, and he, the graceless, treacherous wretch, scrupled not to use it. That is to say, it was still permitted to get up the latest fashion in feminine apparel, and with fiendish ingenuity he lost no time in devising the hobble skirt. "Ha, ha!" he chuckled, his idea being, of course, that if the hated sex hereupon took any more long steps forward, it would fall on its individual and collective faces.—Puck.

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